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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Comptroller
SUBJECT : Pre-Deployment Leave for Base B Pilots

1. You will recall that there has been some confusion regarding the ground rules for pre-deployment leave for the Base B pilot personnel, occasioned in part by the early completion of the Base B USCM and the subsequent early departure of at least the majority of the pilots from [REDACTED]

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2. Initially, we had decided to follow the pattern established in March of this year for Base A, when we ruled that the Base A pilots would receive a maximum of 10 days leave, plus 1 day air travel time between the West Coast and Washington. Since the Base A pilots were given E & E Training for a solid week on reporting in at Headquarters and prior to their departure for overseas, this worked quite well.

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3. However, since the Base B pilots had all received their E & E Training prior to their departure from the [REDACTED] for overseas, we had a longer period of time to account for - some 13 days in all, we thought. Accordingly, we proposed, and [REDACTED] approved, setting the procedure for the Base B pilots at 10 days leave, 7 days delay en route and 1 day air travel West Coast to East Coast.

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4. Subsequently, we found that the pilots had left the [REDACTED] one week earlier than we had anticipated, having been dismissed by competent authority, notably [REDACTED]. At this time we were obliged to change the leave equation as follows; of course with [REDACTED] approval: 12 days delay en route, as being comparable to the maximum allowed for a transcontinental movement by the Air Force, 1 day air travel time, and the balance chargeable as leave, in most cases 12 days.

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5. I have heard informally that somewhere, presumably at the [REDACTED] instructed these pilots that they were to be in a per diem status while they were using up their delay en route time. I do not know who issued this instruction, but I find it at variance with any practice with which I am familiar, and I am sure that you will take steps to see that no per diem is paid either for their delay en route time or for their days spent on leave.

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